# McGill Daily

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## COAST TO COAST

By Casey

**Hello Again.**

Kill the fatted calf! After several weeks respite, Casey is once again forced upon you. Having had our none too competent hands full of books and exams during the interim, we once again bring you continent-wide campus news with a local slant, with a low bow and a flock of orchids to the Toronto Varsity's Reuven Frank, whose C. U. P. exchange column has been appearing here. His return to these pages in the new year will doubtlessly be appreciated by most of you.

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**Suddenly It Dawned On Her.**

**Incidentally, while we are speaking of things Torontonian, we have a confidential report from one of our operatives that the fair co-eds up Queen City way have been having their share of trouble. The other day a freshette spent her first afternoon in the library there. She walked innocently into the men's reading room and sat there for about twenty minutes before her woman's intuition began to operate and tell her that all was not as it should be. She thereupon beat a hasty retreat.**

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**Track! Track!**

Well it appears that our able scientists will have to devise a saliva test for running tracks. Dartmouth's famous lightning-fast indoor track has been under a heavy barrage of criticism. It appears that the boards upon which world records have been consistently set, in particular Glen Cunningham's 4:04.4 for the mile and Borican's half-mile record, do not measure up to some officials ideas of what a track should be. If certain protests are upheld it is believed that all the records set at Hanover will be invalidated.

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**No More Corn.**

**The authorities down Cambridge way seem to think that young John Harvard and old John Barleycorn do not mix well. The day of the unlimited supply of the bottled goods to Harvard students seem to be numbered, for a new drive prohibiting the selling of liquor to minors in Harvard Square has been started by Cambridge police. Complaints have been received and the police commissioner stated that the worst complaints "were caused by the actions of local girls who were 'under the influence' and definitely too young." (sic).**

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**A Man's Place.**

You girls who are thinking of taking unto yourselves a hubby in the not too distant future had better ask yourselves, in reviewing the possibilities and qualifications of the eligibles, "Can He Cook?" From the Manitoban we learn that a male student has shattered all tradition by enrolling in the Dept. of Home Economics. If this were not enough, we hear that the latest development in the realm of extracurricular activities, at Harvard, has found form in the establishment of a baby-tending service which is expected to bring financial prosperity to a number of Harvard undergrads who were lucky enough to join the organization at its inception.

With coeds playing football, this appears to be the pen-ultimate, if not the last, straw. What lovely husbands these duckies will make for some lucky, lucky girl!

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**Collegiate Cinemantics.**

**McGill's campus and hockey-**

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## CSA DELEGATION CHOSEN SUNDAY

### As Many Varied Organizations As Possible to Be Represented

### Application Forms Must Be In by Friday

The National Conference Planning Committee will meet on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Royal Victoria College Common Room, for the purpose of making the final selection of representatives to the Third National Conference of Canadian University Students, being held at Macdonald College from December 27th to the 31st.

All campus organizations and individuals interested in attending, and who desire to co-operate, are asked to send in the names and the application forms of the representatives to either Eleanor Hunter, 2022 Union Avenue, or to Gordon Hatcher, or they may be left at the C.S.A. office in Strathcona Hall; they must be in by Friday. Students not affiliated with any particular society may obtain application forms from the janitors of the university buildings.

McGill may send thirty delegates to the conference.

The committee, in attempting to select a delegation that will be representative of various activities organizations, faculties, years and religious groups, will base its decision upon the following four points: 1, Interest. 2, Participation in planning and preparatory work. 3, Participation in and knowledge of McGill University life. 4, Ability to help make effective on the campus the findings of the conference.

It was announced by the executive that the total cost of each delegate will be $25. This will be distributed as follows: Transportation: (National Pool) $14; Registration: $5.00; Rooms and Meals at Macdonald College: $6.00.

## PRE-MED SOCIETY TO HEAR PENFIELD

### Neurologist to Discuss Topic of General Interest

At the next meeting of the pre-Medical society, an address will be given by Doctor Wilder Penfield, professor of neuro-surgery and head of the Montreal Neurological Institute. He will discuss a topic of general interest to medical men, and only pre-medical and pre-dental students may attend the meeting, which will be in the Union ballroom at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 15th.

The executive wish to remind pre-medical students that those who wish to have a Society pin should pay their 75 cents to the secretary-treasurer before Friday's meeting.

In order that members of the C.O.T.C. may attend a class in the St. John's Ambulance course, one will be held to-day at 5 p.m. Those who have missed previous lectures will be given a chance to ask questions, as the examinations in the course are taking place on Monday and Tuesday next, December 18th and 19th, at 5 p.m. The executive should be informed as to the choice of date, before the actual days of the examinations.

**Anglican Club**

The Anglican Club will hold its next meeting on Sunday morning, December 17th, at the Church of St. Columba.

## Newman Club Bridge Set for Thursday

Cries of "Double" and "Redouble" will echo through the Reading Room of the Union on Thursday evening when members of the Newman Club get together for an informal evening of rubber bridge.

Put on for the benefit of the Catholic Charities the bridge gets under way at 8.15. It is the girls of the club, headed by Posy Power and Kay Chard who are looking after the affair, the Newman Club's second card venture of the season. Tickets for the bridge are 35 cents and may be obtained at the door.

## ECONOMY CLUB PLANS MEETING

### Dick Graybiel and Kenneth Miller to Speak

### Imperial and Pan American Relations of Canada Will Be Subject

Canada's relations with the Empire and the Pan-American Conference will be under discussion at the next meeting of Political Economy Club to be held tomorrow in the Union at 8.15 p.m. Dick Graybiel and Kenneth Miller, third and fourth year students respectively, honouring in Economics, will introduce the discussion.

It was stated last night that in order to work in the subject, "Canada, the Empire and the Pan-American Conference" with the nature of the activities of the club, Dick Graybiel will speak on the political side of the question, and Kenneth Miller will discuss its economic aspect.

Anyone interested in the subject to be discussed at this meeting and particularly students of Political Science and Economics are invited by the executive to attend. Beer will be served at the close of the meeting.

The speakers will endeavor to put forth both sides of the question in all fairness, and then show why in their opinion Canada and the Empire should support this Pan-American policy. The speakers pointed out in an interview last night that this policy has been a success for the past hundred years, and that this alone merits its continuance.

## HISTORICAL CLUBS TO HEAR CORBETT

### Joint Meeting of Two Societies to Be Held in R.V.C.

McGill and R.V.C. Historical Clubs will hold their joint meeting next Thursday night. The gathering is scheduled for 8.15 p.m. in Royal Victoria College. Professor Corbett of the Faculty of Law will address the members of the two societies on the topic: "The History of Neutrality."

The meeting will not be restricted to members of the two Historical Societies alone, but a hearty welcome is extended to all students of history and any other students who are interested in the program outlined for the evening.

## Co-eds Vie for Honors In Speaking Contest

The Common Room, R.V.C., is to be the scene of the first of the impromptu speaking contests which will be held tomorrow for Co-eds. It is hoped by the executive that a similar contest will be held every year.

The topics for discussion will be chosen by the Executive of the R.V.C. Debating Society, and will not be announced beforehand; instead contestants will draw them from a hat, and they will be given five minutes to prepare their subject. Judges will be elected from among the audience, and the winners will receive prizes.

The Executive wishes to inform prospective contestants that the contest is open to all co-eds, and that no previous experience is necessary. Members of the student body are invited to attend the meeting, which will be of an informal nature.

## Around The Globe

**European News, December 12:** The Russians have penetrated 60 miles into Finland, though this advance was only made with heavy losses . . . The Germans deny, in the face of general opinion that they are aiding Finland. . . . A Greek vessel sunk with loss of at least 13. . . . Third anniversary of King George's accession passes almost unnoticed . . . The League orders Moscow to submit to mediation.

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**Canadian News, December 12:** Plane clubs say they will do their utmost to train R.C.A.F. men. . . . Bouchard asks Ottawa for the cash to continue work on the Lakeshore Boulevard. . . . The C.B.C. found exempt from municipal sales levy. . . . A new board set up to supervise the prosecution of Wartime Price charges. . . . In Toronto engineers are being trained for overseas service.

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**American News, December 12:** New York court upheld the right of an employer to hire union or non-union workers as he likes . . . U.S. business is not receiving the impetus it expected from war trade.

## *Patrons Announced for Junior Prom on Friday*

### *Sir E. W. Beatty and Deans Among Those Named — Social Event Features Blake Sewell's Orchestra*

Announcement has been made of the patrons and patronesses for the McGill Junior Prom, taking place on Friday evening, December 15, in the main ballroom of the Mount Royal Hotel. They include: Sir Edward Beatty, Dean, and Mrs. H. W. Hendel, Dean, and Mrs. W. H. Brittain, Mrs. W. L. Grant, Dr. and Mrs. Grant Fleming, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Walsh, and Dean and Mrs. R. Brown.

The dance is scheduled to start at 10 p.m. and will continue on until 3 a.m. This dance was, in former years, strictly an affair for students in their Junior year, but of late it has been thrown open to the student body in general, thus making it a gala event.

Blake Sewell and his orchestra will be in attendance. It was thought at first that all formals would be cancelled because of the war, but the Students' Executive Council decided that university activities should be carried on as they are in normal times.

Tickets at $5.00 a couple may be purchased from any member of the Committee, from Alec at the Union Tuck Shop, or from any janitor of the University Building.

Members of the committee are, Jim Bulger, chairman; Jane Whittemore, representing R.V.C.; Mickey Crabtree, M.S.P.E; Norman Kuke, Engineering; Tom Dailey, Commerce; Dick Murray, Law; Bill Mulligan, Dentistry; Lawrence Bergeron, Medicine; Alexander Stalker, Arts and Science, and Charles Herring, Macdonald College.

## *"RUSSET MANTLE" DRESS REHEARSAL PROMISES SUCCESS*

### PRODUCER PLEASED

### Advance Sale of Tickets Reported Excellent

### SCENERY EFFECTIVE

### New Mexico Locale Gives Scope for Lively Proceedings and Complications

**By R. E. P. C.**

Last night, the first dress rehearsal of "Russet Mantle" took place at Moyse Hall where the production will be presented on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, of this week. The producer, Leslie Johnston, seemed rather pleased regarding the whole thing although he did point out, that there were a number of passages in the play which would be nicely ironed out in tonight's final dress rehearsal. These seemed to be poor timing at times and dull lighting, however, nothing that could not be righted with a few moments thought.

Henry Trenholme's stage crew, after having successfully transported the scenery from its creation in the Union attic, set it up swiftly on the stage, with the telling effect of seemingly having us in a New Mexico locale. The scenery is really quite clever with its adobe walls and Mexican like appearance. It may also be said that the properties have been chosen with care and add a good deal to the general atmosphere of the play.

**Director Pleased.**

John Mellor, the director, was pleased with the manner with which the rehearsal went off, mentioning the fact that he had complete confidence in the cast, and that to him, the production was sure to achieve success. Mr. Mellor also mentioned that if the audience was at all responsive, the cast would answer the challenge, and really go to town, for they had the play with which to do so.

It should be noted that to date the Box Office has reported an excellent advance sale even though the show is not opening until tomorrow evening. If this is any forecast on the ultimate success of the play it seems safe to say the production should enjoy a good run.

"Russet Mantle" played on Broadway in 1936 and scored a fair success. Many of the critics among them Robert Benchley of the New Yorker and Brooks Atkinson of the New York Times acclaimed it, and declared it so worth while as to warrant going to it another time. It opened in January, 1936, and ran for 117 performances.

**Scene in New Mexico.**

The story of the play concerns the lively and occasionally gory goings-on on a farm in New Mexico where Horace Kinkaid, portrayed

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## Harry "Shakespeare" Barker Is New Caretaker of Law Building

Law students welcomed the new caretaker of their campus stronghold recently in the person of Harry Barker. An unusual feature of this appointment is the fact that the new janitor is a poet of some note. Mr. Barker has written a number of poems over a period of years and these have been collected and published in several books. These poems were well received and are esteemed by those who have read them.

Mr. Barker is no stranger around the campus, however, having been under Bill Gentleman in the Arts Building for a number of years. Nor has Harry Barker fallen among strangers, for he is known by nearly all the undergraduates of the Law Faculty from their days in the Arts Building.

Harry Barker succeeds Bill Lloyd who has held this position for eight years. Mr. Lloyd was formerly a deep-sea sailor and served during the last war in the convoy system. It is understood that Mr. Lloyd is returning to his old calling and will again sail in the service of the Empire.

The new janitor of the Law Building has been in the employ of McGill University for twenty-four years in various capacities. He first served with Bill Gentleman in the Arts Building upon his arrival in 1915, later being transferred to the post of caretaker of the McCord Museum. In 1923 he returned to the staff of the Arts Building, where he has served until the present. Mr. Barker is well qualified for his new position, as he has on several occasions taken over temporarily in this capacity, during illnesses of the former janitor.

Harry Barker is known to many by his nick-name "Shakespeare" which is apparently an apt sobriquet. Harry knows the works of the Immortal Bard from first to last, and has proved the saviour of many harassed students of English Literature. Just before an examination many a student has rushed up to him in great agitation, asked him about some obscure point, and left enlightened and reassured.

# *LAW AND LIBERTY AIMS OF WAR, STATES DUFF COOPER, EXPLAINING BRITISH POLICY*

### CAPACITY AUDIENCE

### Defends Versailles Treaty and League of Nations

### AGAINST APPEASEMENT

### Former Admiralty Lord Speaks Under Auspices of People's Forum

A free world, in which there will be law and order among the nations, was given last night as the aim of the war, by Alfred Duff Cooper. He was speaking on "What Are We Fighting For?" under the auspices of the People's Forum before a capacity audience in the auditorium of the Montreal High School.

The former First Lord of the British Admiralty began by defending the treaty of Versailles. "At present there is a tendency to regard it as responsible for our misfortunes," he said, "but it was not a foolish or brutal treaty. It sought to build a new Europe based on the will of the people and it created a free Poland and Czechoslovakia. The colonies with which it had anything to do were administered for the good of the inhabitants, and any colonies which were taken away from Germany had been little good to her.

"Did the so-called policy of encirclement cause the war?" Mr. Cooper continued. "There has been no desire since 1919 to interfere with Germany, and one advantage of the treaty was create a buffer state between her and her worst enemy, Russia. Some day she will regret throwing away this benefit.

**Defends League.**

"The worst mistakes of the treaty were the economic clauses and the reparations. But it was not the peace but the waste of four years of war that made Germany poor. Finally the League of Nations was part of the treaty and in it was machinery for correcting any mistakes. Let us then get rid of the idea that the treaty of Versailles was a bad treaty or that it caused the present war.

"The conviction that it was impossible to live in a Europe dominated by a government that would attack a weaker nation, and that could keep no promise drove the peace-loving democracies into war. The policy of appeasement was not caused by fear or folly, but by the belief that Hitler was a reasonable being whose desires could be satisfied. But he was insatiable and the democracies finally realized that the liberty of all Europe was threatened.

"Liberty has always been in the tradition of England and France, never in that of Prussia and Russia. The aim of the League of Nations was to make the nations civilized, to increase liberty by law and order. Its strength depended on the amount of force it could summon in an emergency and the fundamental reason for its failure was that nations will only fight for their own interests. What they did not realize was that the world is shrinking, that what affects a part of Europe affects all of it, and that countries are becoming responsible for each other.

"Today we are not fighting for Poland, but for the principle of liberty.

## REVUE CHORUS TAPS IN UNION

### Red and White Girls Drill in Dance Routines

### Intricate Steps Cause Some Feet to Be Misplaced

**By K. P.**

All right, shouts Alan Murray, entertainer for the military forces, now then, one, two, one two three. . . Then Bob Hoarwood plays a medley and a line of thirty gorgeous girls prance through an intricate series of dance steps. Some step back, others forward and some place their dainty toes on others feet and in other places where they shouldn't be, and so the once straight line becomes a mob of misplaced feminity.

The scene is not the theatre on lower Broadway but the upper regions of the Union, familiarly known as the Ballroom. Your reporter was told that it was a chorus rehearsal for the Red and White Revue, and that he might have a chance for the back row at least. At the door, however, he encountered an obstinate obstacle in the person of a doorman who insisted that the public was not to be admitted. He ultimately convinced the guardian, however, that he was not a member of the public and so was able to witness the chorines rhythm.

## I.V.C.F. TO HOLD SING SONG SUNDAY

### Christmas to Be Theme as Students Render Solos

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will hold a Christmas Carol Sing next Sunday from 9-10 P.M. in the Union Ballroom. Solos will be rendered by Stuart Reid and Henry Patterson, who will feature European carols.

Mr. C. Stacey Woods, National Secretary of the I.V.C.F. will deliver a short address in the form of a Christmas message. Mr. Woods is a widely travelled lecturer and educator and the executive anticipates an inspiring message.

The executive of the Society extends a warm welcome to all students to attend this evening of Christmas music. A special invitation is extended to residents of Douglas Hall and Royal Victoria College.

Gordon Thomas will preside at the meeting and will introduce the guest speaker.

## Spanish Club to Hold Informal Xmas Party

Spanish games and Christmas carols will be featured at the Christmas party of the Club Hispanico which will be held on Thursday night in the Union Grill Room at 8.15. This is the second meeting of the newly organized Spanish Club, and the executive invite all interested in its activities to attend, as only a slight knowledge of the language is needed to participate in the program.

This meeting, it was stated, will be kept as an informal party, and each member is asked to bring a gift, the more humorous the better, to be put under the tree. These presents are not to cost more than five cents.

Refreshments will be served, and as there is no membership fee for the society, there is a charge of 25 cents a meeting.

**R.V.C. '42**

Attention of all Second Year R.V.C. students is drawn to the important notice about class pins and photographs which is posted in R.V.C. and in the Arts building. (P)

## Winter Snows Delight Coeds Of The South

### Belles from Warmer Climates Talk About Weather

**By POP**

In an effort to discover what students coming from warmer climates think of our Canadian winters, your reporter interviewed two coeds from Virginia and Bermuda last night, and was informed about all the niceties of the "wonderful snow and "fresh, crisp air" with which the Campus is so amply supplied.

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Said Mary: "It's wonderful, really. I simply love the snow here. It isn't anything like the stuff that we get back in Virginia, where I come from. It seems to me that even the ice is more slippery here. It must be on account of the cosine of Theta, or something." When asked what she thought of the Arts Engineering snow-battle, she tilted up her nose and said scornfully that she was frankly disappointed at the way it was conducted. "We had heard that it was quite an affair, and when we saw the half-hearted manner in which the individual members entered into the fray, we were inclined to look upon 'the cream of the faculties' as dissipated into little hunks of cheese."

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The young lady from Bermuda reiterated the statement that "It's wonderful," and added "It's really a sight to see this snow, because we have none on the island, you know." The white campus put her in mind of the fields of "little cotton trees," whose "fluffy whiteness" is admired by all tourists in Bermuda. "I think it's loads of fun to make snowballs, and listen to the snow crunch when you walk on it. The only trouble is that it gets all dirty in the streets. There isn't much pleasure in walking about in the muddy slush."

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Your reporter approached a young man who is supposed to come from the southern States. Through three mufflers of varied hues and sorts, he said in almost unintelligible language that he couldn't "stad this dogged freezig code," and that he was glad that "ad leasd ad hobe id never snowed."

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And so yours truly came away strangely perturbed by the two attitudes expressed. Can it be that we are purposely ignorant of the niceties of our Canadian winters, or are we to agree with our chilly friend whose parting shot was "give by regards do do asgimos — I'b goig back to bed uddill da bercury cubs ub for air?"

**Motorists**

Will anyone driving to or through New York City anytime between Friday, December 15th, and Tuesday, December 19th, and desirous of a passenger to help share expenses, please communicate with Room 55, Strathcona Hall.

## Around The Campus

**Today:** Mr. R. Hodgson will give an address at the Engineering Institute, his subject being, "The Gnatt Bonus System." . . . The Literary Society meets in Room 13 in the Arts Building; Maurice Dufresne will speak on "French Travellers in England." . . . The Debating Union meets in the Union Music Room today at 5. . . . There is a Glee Club practice in the Union at 5.

**Thursday:** The Biological Society convenes in Moyse Hall at 8.15. . . . The McGill and R.V.C. Historical Clubs hold joint meeting in R.V.C at 8.15; Prof. Corbett will speak on "The History of Neutrality." . . . The Club Hispanico de McGill has Christmas party in the Union Grillroom at 8.15. . . . Classical Club meets in R.V.C. at 8 p.m.—an open meeting. . . . And Thursday, too, brings the Newman Club's little get-together for bridge and such-like.

**Friday:** Physical Society meeting.

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## Montreal, 1642-1942

In 1942, Montreal will witness one of the most colourful pageants in all her long history, for the whole year will be devoted to commemorating the three hundredth birthday of Canada's Metropolis.

War or no war, the city will be thronged with thousands of visitors and tourists from all parts of the continent, and even from farther afield; streets will be ablaze with colour; every historic corner will come alive with memories of the past; men and women will dress as their predecessors did in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries; all in all, 1942 promises to be the most memorable year in our city's 300 summers under the French, American, and British flags.

Before tourists travel thousands of miles to see the elaborate celebrations, they will want to read about Montreal's history. Unfortunately, although there may be several excellent references to various phases of the city's existence in scattered volumes, the fact remains that there is not one popular book today which presents concise reading matter on Montreal's history, sociology, geography, art, literature, education, material growth, and points of interest.

Accordingly, the Montreal Tercentenary Commission has decided to sponsor a literary contest, in which any Canadian is invited to submit an essay on the topic "The Story of Montreal". Further details may be found on page four of today's issue.

As Mr. Trepanier, General Manager of the Commission, remarks in a letter which we also publish today, there may be students here at McGill who would be interested in the competition. The Redpath Library, for instance, offers a wide selection of reading matter on the topic, while there are many institutions and museums in the city which are able to provide valuable source material for such a literary undertaking.

Tomorrow's authors, it is said, like tomorrow's statesmen and educators, engineers and doctors, are the students of today; here is an opportunity for budding authors at McGill to prove that adage.

## Twenty Years Hence

Sealed in the Crystal Case of Tomorrow at station KDKA in Pittsburgh is a forecast of education twenty years from now, written by Samuel Harden Church, President of the Carnegie Institute. This forecast will be opened in 1959 and broadcast to the world—should there be a world as we now know it—to be compared with the actualities.

In his forecast Dr. Church deals with two trends in modern education—the trend away from the classics (in the broadest sense of the word) and toward the teaching of sciences and the trend toward the classics and away from the teaching of sciences. He predicts that in twenty years these trends will have resolved themselves like vectors and that education in the future will combine both.

He also predicts that by that time the distribution of work among all will care for the distribution of wealth among all, "so that none shall ever more go hungry, naked, or athirst." Education will play its role in bringing this about; science will help make these conditions possible; art will flourish and add to the wealth of enjoyment possible for the people during their leisure time. Once this goal is reached, education will still play its part, for science will occupy the working time of the populus, while the classics and arts will fill their increased leisure time pleasantly and profitably.

The picture painted by Dr. Church is indeed appealing to the average college student of today for not only will he be in the best position to benefit should these predictions come true, but also it will be he who will be the biggest factor in accomplishing them. The education of today is preparing the student for just such a role in the development of society for most students are either scientists or he is a classicist; seldom are they both. Thus some will contribute to the scientific development, others to literary advancement.

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The Arts Building has a new clock; if you want to know the CORRECT time, ask Bill.

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**CHRISTMAS ISSUE.**

**$5 for the Best Contribution.**

Just to remind people who need $5 that the deadline for their contributions is December 16. . . .

If you don't want $5, you needn't read any further.

For people who feel they could write something good, but don't know just what to write about—the Feature Editor will be glad to suggest an infinite variety of topics.

Judges will take into account the Christmas spirit which should pervade contributions, be they poems (however short), stories (however long), cartoons—or what have you.

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## THE BOOKSHELF

RAIN UPON GODSHILL, a further chapter of autobiography, by J. B. Priestley; Heinemann, London, 1939; $2.50.

From England to Egypt, to America, and back to England again, Priestley continues the account of his experiences begun two years ago in "Midnight on the Desert." Since then he has seen much and thought much, and records the results in an informal style which makes easy reading even in its most serious moments. And he is very serious in the greater part of his book, obviously anxious about the state of things in Europe during the time before and after Munich. The holiday trip to Egypt is passed over lightly as he finds little to interest him in the so-called wonders. The pyramids and Sphinx fail to stir in him the awe that he experienced when he first saw the Grand Canyon.

The visit to America gives a better opportunity for interesting observation. Lecturing in a different city of the United States every day for a month he sees a representative cross-section of American life, and finds a great many things to criticize and much to admire and like. In New York he tastes Broadway, as his play "Time and the Conways" is produced and fails; in New Orleans he is received with typical southern hospitality and finds the legend of the old pre-war South unimpressive on closer acquaintance; in the middle-west he is at times amazed by progress and dismayed by narrowness; and in Arizona he experiences the rare beauty of the Painted Desert.

The universities of the middle-west draw both his criticism and his admiration. On first sight he judges them lacking in charm and rather more like factories of learning, but viewing them altogether, as parts of a huge movement, he is filled with great admiration, "the size and scope of this cultural venture" causing his criticism to stick in his throat. He believes that the ultimate result will be long in coming, but eventually it will be "of such a magnitude that it will change world history."

Back in England, Priestley settles down to a discussion of the state of England and the English people; and he finds a great deal to distress him. He believes that the British could save the world if they would only rouse themselves from their lethargy and energetically attack the social and political problems that have been crying for attention for so long. In his own words: "The world will be a better place when the English are wide awake again, richly creative in all the arts of life, and not merely mumbling and grumbling in their sleep". Next he turns to a discussion of his favourite theme, Time. It is a metaphysical discussion and will interest those who are curious about that little feeling that most people experience now and then of having done, felt, or seen something in exactly the same manner at some previous time that cannot be accounted for. The theme runs through Priestley's plays "I have been here before" and "Time and the Conways".

Throughout the book, Priestley tells a great deal about his activity as a playwright, producer, and even actor. It is interesting to see playwrights at work, especially when they produce, direct, and act in their plays as Mr. Priestley does. The reader will be amused by his treatment of dramatic critics who, he thinks, for the most part haven't the wit to understand the plays they try to review. For those who may have seen, and been puzzled by, his plays, there is a great deal in this book which will throw light on his purpose and explain his themes. —J. M.

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THE SACRAMENTO: River of Gold, by Julian Dana; Farrar & Rinehart Inc. 1939; pp 285.

Scene of Indian warfare, imperialistic conflict and the mad rush for gold, the Sacramento river has had a varied and colourful history. Julian Dana has painstakingly investigated every phase of the development of California to come forward with a contribution to Americana that is human in spirit as well as fact,—in short it's "folksy". This is not the history of shipping, cattle or the fruit trade but of the pioneer folk, men of all nations, who built a country that has endured. There is no halo painted over their heads, no gold medals to adorn their breasts. We see them as they were—plain people in a new land trying to make money as fast as they could with the cry ever on their lips: "Every man for himself and to hell with the hindmost."

It was with that motto in their hearts that the great powers sent their "Around the World Scientific Expeditions" to claim and plunder the lands of the red men in the guise of science. Von Kotzebue for Russia, Don Luis for Spain, Vancouver for England, led the vanguard of civilization, as a mad scramble began for the Pacific coast. The powers were eventually "left out in the cold" as Americans and Mexicans divided the best lands, but their nationals were not defeated and came in ever-increasing numbers.

Gold! The word began a transformation in Californian history that is still evident today. They mined the hills, the rivers, the streets. The Sacramento was a mass of mud and blood. Men worked but they killed, and the river ran red with murder and revolution. John Sutter hoped for an empire of his own and struggled treacherously to destroy Mexican rule. That he failed to see his dream come true was only due to individuals who were far more cunning and diabolical than he.

The advent of wheat farming with its amazing characters—Kercheval, Cone and Smith,—led to monopolistic control of the entire valley. Men were aroused to the cry that twenty men controlled the west coast, and state legislatures blasted monopoly to no avail. Men like Cone were spirited, of indomitable will and boundless energy. They proved victorious in politics, but they reckoned not with the land. For Californian earth could not be milked, and the single crop was forced to give way to fruit farming.

With this new form of farming there came to California a new migrating population that gathered crops. And, since the difference of a day may mean crop failure, a new situation confronted and challenged the very fundamentals of decent wages and suitable living conditions in a democracy.

Strange were the seamen who ran the boats on the swirling river. Old salts, two-fisted, tobacco-chewing, river-wise "dogs", who made a reputation for being tough and rather bluff. The character sketches of these gimmy old buzzards are ever entertaining and prove to be the best in a book packed with living portrayals of all types and all nationalities.

The author has attempted an unbiased and yet critical presentation of the contributions of various nationalities such as the Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos. His hopes for the acceptance of these people on their merits as citizens appear to be mere wishful thinking, and are in absolute contradiction not only to the facts in the past but to the present situation. The legal restrictions on the freedom of these peoples and the animosity of the various national groups in the west offer no honest hope that their future is secure. Vigilance in this age of exaggerated nationalism must be the by-word if these peoples are not to sink to the status of the American negro in the South.

Dana's realistic and virile description of the growth of civilization along the banks of the Sacramento is a noteworthy addition to the series "Rivers of America". The novel presentation of history through the lives of the greatest and meanest of the immigrants is marked by a sincerity and a conviction that the American West will overcome the problems that face it and meet the future with the ruggedness of the pioneers of the last century. —B. G.

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## Poets and Poems

The last Great War took an immense toll of young poets whose genius was only just being recognized; men like Rupert Brooke, Edward Thomas, Edmund John, and Francis Ledwidge. James Elroy Flecker had already achieved fame with his "Golden Journey to Samarkand" and "Hassan," but his early death cut short a career which promised to bring back some of the splendour and passion of Elizabethan spirit to English verse. Almost everyone interested in English poetry knows his "Old Ships" and "To a Poet a Thousand Years Hence," but his little masterpiece, "Tenebris Interlucentem" is often overlooked. Flecker worked for years on this poem in order to express its significance with the utmost economy and delicacy. Whether he succeeded is for the reader to judge.

TENEBRIS INTERLUCENTEM.

A linnet who had lost her way
Sang on a blackened bough in Hell,
Till all the ghosts remembered well
The trees, the wind, the golden day.

At last they knew that they had died
When they heard music in that land;
And someone there stole forth a hand
To draw a brother to his side.

—H.L.L.

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Oh, this gentility! There ought to be a law against people who insist on being genteel. You see them sticking out the little finger while drinking tea, and they will say "expectorate" instead of spit, "perspire" instead of sweat, and "preserve" instead of jam. They would never mention a smell; they call it an "odour."

—Lord Popsonby.

## One Man's Political Philosophy

PART I.

**The Patriotic Attitude.**

Every man, unless his soul is dead, loves his people and the land where he was born. He is proud of the tradition of his people and of that land. He desires to see his compatriots happy and their country prosperous. The symbols which stimulate this patriotic emotion (an entirely unselfish and idealistic thing) vary with the individual, but when that emotion is aroused, it remains with a man for life as the sole guide of his significant conduct. He sees that the welfare of his people depends upon the relative strength of his state as compared with other states. This state-power he will support at any cost, and he will oppose any government, at home or abroad, that dissipates, weakens, or clashes with it. He looks upon himself as responsible for the happines of his people—takes pride in, and will sacrifice himself to, their welfare. It is only in trying to secure material benefit for them that he becomes a materialist himself. This fact must never be lost sight of. In international affairs a patriotic statesman is faced with two alternatives: either to compromise the welfare of those he loves or to use every subterfuge on their behalf. Hence we cannot attribute "right" and "wrong" in the ordinary sense of his actions, and he is perfectly justified in using Machiavellian tactics—as long as they are in the interest of the state.

**The Paradox.**

This article is an attempt to indicate what, in my opinion, is the real war aim of the British government and of the British people, and an attempt to explain the paradox that, in repudiating force as the final arbiter in human affairs, the government and people have resorted to force. In the light of current events, I shall endeavour to prove, and leave as a thesis for the reader to judge in the light of all past history, that the actions of governments in general do not and cannot coincide with the morality of the individual. To make the argument easier to follow, the reader is informed at the outset of its result: that there are two codes of action in the world today, both of which must be followed, (1) a materialistic morality, comprising "mores" rightly and necessarily followed by states "qua" states, (2) a standard of ethics, totally idealistic, for individuals. This is hypothetical. The task is to see whether the hypothesis fits the facts, and whether its two postulates may be reasonably reconciled with each other.

**Recent Events**

Let us run briefly over the recent events in European history in order to "feel out," as it were, our hypothesis. Later we shall deal with the situation in greater detail. Japan invades China. No government comes to China's aid. Italy invades Ethiopia. No government comes to Ethiopia's aid. The German government violates Austrian democracy and Austrian statehood. Austria receives no outside help. The German government violates Czechoslovakian democracy and national integrity. No foreign aid for Czechoslovakia. Italy invades Albania. No government comes to Albania's aid. The German government invades Poland, one of the worst dictatorial states in Europe. Britain and France come to Poland's aid on the ground than an act of aggression has been committed. Why?

**One Interpretation**

I shall give the most popular explanation first. According to this, nothing was done in the case of Austria and the Sudetenland because there existed a sympathy for the German people, and a feeling that Germany had been wronged by the Treaty of Versailles. But when the German government broke its guarantee of the integrity of the rest of Czechoslovakia the world thought that the wrongs of Versailles, if any, had certainly been more than righted. Still nothing was done. But it was felt that the line must be drawn somewhere.

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# Redmen Play Initial Exhibition Wednesday

## Senior Hockeyists Meet Verdun Maple Leafs in Nightcap—Play Bell's Grads Friday

Wednesday night the Senior Hockey squad will encounter the lightning thrusts and desperate defences of a rival squad for the first time this season, when they meet the Verdun Maple Leafs. The game, an exhibition fixture, will be played as the second half of a Senior Division double-header.

The seniors face the new year strong and well prepared to meet anything their toughest adversaries can put before them. Three of last year's stand-outs, Captain Cam Dickison, Walker, and Dunn, have returned in better shape than ever before, ready to give their best for the Red team. And big things are expected this year from three others of last year's squads, Morrison, McDonald, and Keefer. All of them forwards, their speedy skating and wide-open play will further strengthen the team.

New faces are plentiful this year. Two members of last year's Intermediate team, Young and Keefer, and two Juniors, Morrison and Johnson, have graduated to Senior play. Fyffe, a Bishop's iceman last year, will share with Johnson the goal position. And Perrin, a recruit from the University of Manitoba, is expected to show local fans how the rushing, Western type of defenceman functions.

**Dickison On Forward Line.**

There are a few surprises in the final line-ups. Cam Dickison has forsaken his defence position to brace the first forward line. However the list also shows that Coach Farquharson is still undecided as to whether Fyffe or Johnson will be the team's regular goalie.

Not content with starting of the season with one game, the Seniors will play a second exhibition game Friday night when they meet a team composed of McGill grads. This is the first time in several years that the Hockey season has featured such a game, and it should be a colorful match as the stars of years gone by battle their successors.

Latest developments reveal that Dr. Bobby Bell, former McGill coach who returns to coach the

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## ...daily sports...

by bill cairns

The new year will see the beginning of the interfaculty and interclass hockey leagues. This year it is expected that the type of hockey displayed will excel that of former years. The reason for this state of affairs is that many of the lads who played on intercollegiate teams last year find themselves without a spot to display their wares while wearing McGill colours. This fact should forecast a renewed interest on the campus for intramural hockey, both with the players and spectators.

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And speaking of interfaculty hockey brings to mind a fault that presented itself on several occasions last year. This fault might have been due to the organization of the league—but without laying the blame on anyone in particular there were not sufficient referees. On several occasions if it hadn't been for George Wilcox, who is one of the rink attendants, the scheduel games would have been without an umpire. George did a good job but it seems that there should be other men to do the job or else get George to take it on as a regular task.

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Vague rumours and even facts have been reaching our ears since Saturday night. It seems that something of great importance took place

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## Stanley and Jay In Pugilistic Exhibitions

Bert Light's boys participated in two boxing matches over the week-end with an eye for gaining experience for the coming February B.W. & F. intercollegiate meet. Exhibition bouts of three rounds each were run off in the Craig Street Drill Hall of the First Survey Regiment last Saturday night. No decisions were rendered. Pete Stanley and Harry Jay bore the brunt of the battle for McGill. This exhibition is the second of the series designed to give the Redmen some outside experience.

## CALLING ALL SKIERS

**By Hickory Blades**

Skiers riding skates could be found at almost all points north of Montreal on the weekend. A gentle rain falling on the highway, and then freezing, gave the farmer's sons and daughters the time of their young lives, as they skated on what must have been the longest rink in the world. However that ride up and down had its moments. For instance it was a little disconcerting to find that full application of the brakes brough forth no more than a mild sort of hesitancy to the forward speed of the car. This of course added to the driver's peace of mind as covering ground at forty-five m.p.h. he was constantly overtaking meandering skaters who semed bound for St. Agathe,—or the hospital,—depending on their luck.

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However there were those who disdained to use the steel blades in favour of the hickory. At St. Sauveur a half inch of snow and a coating of hoarfrost provided sufficient inducement and a very fast surface for those intrepid trojans of the hickory blades. It was a strange sight to see people hurtling down slopes which appeared to be surfaced by a ploughed field set at an angle. As long as the skier (?) cut across the furrows his life was pleasant and fast. But there was that fellow who got going so fast he thought that a little slalom practice would be in order. He certainly 'got in the groove!'—I wonder if he can sit down yet without wincing?

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Today at 5.00 p.m. in the Montreal High School Gym, Swinton's rapidly growing ski school has its third session. This class is not only a training depot for budding 'cannonen' men, but exemplifies the most interesting way of presenting instruction and conditioning for the world's most thrilling sport. As Club Coach George has something to give through his teaching to every man whether he typifies the keen competitor or the 'lackadaisical' tourer. George's system is based on his European experience in ski school instruction. The avowed ambition of this training school is to get the maximum amount of conditioning through in the shortest—and most comfortable — possible time.

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For those skiers who would like to finish off their ski school training with another work-out per week, Bert Light has issued his personal invitation for them to take part in his conditioning classes on Thursday afternoons—5.00 p.m. at the Field House.

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A matter of great importance was made public at the Ski Meeting last week. An Intermediate team is to be formed which in acting as McGill's 2nd Ski Team will have a racing loop of their own in which they will compete. Among the members of this loop is Toronto Varsity; this is of particular interest to us in that their coach, George Jost, was one of McGill's most

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## Leads Redmen

Shown above is **CAM DICKISON**, captain of this season's hockey edition. "Now you see him, now you don't" Dickison has been shuffled back and forth. Originally a forward, he played the last two years on the defence. This year fans will again see him on the attack. He makes his first appearance Wednesday night against Verdun Maple Leafs.

## McGILL B FENCERS SUBDUE TECHNICAL

### Leveridge, La Donceur and Miller Victors Over Montreal Tech Team

Last night the McGill B Fencing team again emerged victors when they played hosts to a visiting Montreal Technical School squad at the McGill headquarters in Strathearn High. The boys from the Tech tried hard, but went under against the more experienced thrusts of the Redmen.

A humorous incident concerns the referee, an old McGill fencer appearing for the first time this year. It was only at the end of the match that he found out to his amazement that the matches were league tilts. Uninformed, he thought the matches were merely inter-club competition.

Final score:

| Montreal Technical School— | Won. | Hits against |
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| Jack Leslie | 2 | 8 |
| Jerry Adler | 1 | 14 |
| Jack Malcom | 0 | 15 |
| McGill— | | |
| Z. Miller | 3 | 7 |
| La Donceur | 2 | 11 |
| Leo Leveridge | 1 | 14 |

Each fencer fought in three bouts.

## SPORT NOTICES

**SWIMMING PRACTICE**

Swimming practices will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus pool, 1191 Mountain street. All interested are requested to report to the pool at the above-mentioned times. Further information may be obtained from Manager A. R. Jardine at Douglas Hall. Telephone BElair 2865.

**COED SKI CLASS**

The girls who are intending to attend the indoor ski classes in the R.V.C. upper gym, starting on Wednesday at 5 p.m., are asked to wear gym shorts and running shoes. No skis are required.

# JUNIORS IMPRESS IN WIN

## Trounce Concordia 10-2 In Wild Scoring Spree

### Farmer Tallies Three; Holder and Hellyer Count Twice

Running off on a scoring spree for all three periods the Junior Redmen disposed of Concordia last night in fine style by 10-2. Throughout the whole issue it was one of the most one-sided displays this season. The Reds just ran rampant whenever they pleased.

Beautiful combination was the main factor in the McGill win. Against the poorer trained Concordia team they were really able to cut loose and have a great night of it all.

To start the first period Muncaster put Concordia ahead when the game was still a minute young. This threw a scare into the Red machine but it also backfired putting the college boys right up on their toes.

**Farmer Starts Spree.**

They rushed and fought their way around for eight minutes and were finally rewarded when Farmer soloed his way the length of the ice through a maze of players and scored at 8.45. This was by far the prettiest goal of the evening.

Then in short order Holder and Bradwell wrapped two more home to give the Reds a longer lead. This served to give a good set-up for the second period and they didn't let up a bit. Concordia began to weaken a bit here and certainly were victimized. By the end of this session they were trailing by more than before, as Hellyer, Ward and Farmer notched another quartet between them.

Hellyer was the big gun in this onslaught. He was outstanding and the two goals he did score are not nearly indicative enough of his play. Even when Drew was doing time on the penalty bench he battled his way down for a score.

During the second period the high stick began to be a touchy subject with the boys in purple and white and tempers flared at the least provocation. Four two-minute penalties, one major penalty and a ten-minute misconduct sentence was the result.

**Fight Enlivens Match**

Drew was the victim of the long stretch when he and Bloui dropped their gloves and sticks, ran after each other and stood there bellowing large words across the rink. They both got tickets to the bench with Bloui drawing down five and Drew an extra five tacked on for his antics.

Holder and Bloui also got a rest together a little later when they began to mix things in earnest. This exciting incident even had all the earmarks of a young riot until the referee had to step in and spoil it all. By this time watching the Reds score was getting a little monotonous and a bit of diversion was welcomed heartily by the fans.

In the last period there was plenty of amusement too. Holder, Smith and Farmer all tallied for the Reds and good hockey was produced all through. Smith provided a very pretty goal here. He and Ward criss-crossed their way the whole length of the ice baffling the opposition completely with Smith putting the final touch to the effort.

However, it wasn't without its battering around either. Cross of Concordia and Drew were the boys that drew referee Mullins' attention and they both warmed the penalty bench for a spell. They even call the time-keeper by his first name now.

For McGill Farmer, Hellyer, Ward and Smith were the outstanding performers and all showed class while Concordia's most efficient

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## St. Adele Ski House Available for Coeds

With the first snows here, students are dusting their skis and looking them over and hoping that they soon will be able to spend a day or a weekend in the beautiful Laurentians north of Montreal. This is the co-eds chance for the McGill Women's Ski Club share a house with the girls of the Montreal High School at the Windmill on the highway one mile past Ste. Adele-en-bas. All R. V. C.-ites may stay there providing they have paid the M.W.S.A.A. fee. Partials may also use it on payment of $2.50 to that organization.

McGill has the use of the house from Dec. 15-17; New Years; midterm; Jan. 27-29; Feb. 9-11; Feb. 23-27 (the long week-end); Mar. 8-10; and Mar. 22-24. A chart will be posted in R. V. C., so co-eds are asked to pick their weekends and sign up ahead of time. The house accommodates eleven girls and each girl may sign up for two weekends.

The manager has been getting posters, song-books and ski-charts, and with the newly-painted orange floor it looks like an exciting season. For further information about the ski house see the Ski House Manager, Sylvia Grove.

**JUNIOR HOCKEY**

There will be a Junior practise on Wednesday from 1.00 to 2.00 and one on Friday from 5.00 to 6.00.

## Sailing Club Hears T. Darling Thursday

A meeting of the McGill Sailing Club will be held this Thursday in the music room of the McGill Union at 8.00 p.m. Tom Darling, a well known yachtsman who has competed in many international sailing races, will be the guest speaker and will talk on racing tactics.

The meeting and talk will be comparatively brief and any questions on sailing will be dealt with by Tom Darling. The McGill Sailing Club's ice boat will also be discussed and plans for the season laid. Any one who is at all interested in sailing is invited to attend the meeting which will undoubtedly be of interest to every sailor.

The Sailing Club participates in intercollegiate regattas three times yearly usually sending at least four men to the various events. This spring the Club is to be host in the Canadian Intercollegiate races. It is with this in sight that Mr. Darling will talk on Thursday. McGill's representatives have fared well in these events, however, new ideas can always be picked up from experienced skippers.

Mr. Tom Darling is a prominent member of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club where he takes an active part in racing. Competing in races of over twenty boats, he can speak well from experience. His talk will not be too technical, yet at the same time he will deal with the finer points of sailing. The meeting will be presided over by Sam Mislap, Commodore of the McGill Sailing Club.

**ATTN! GOONEY GOOFERS!**

There will be an important meeting of the Gooney Goofers Inn at 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 19, in Room 37 of the Engineering Building. All those who have joined or are interested should be there with the $10.00 fee.

**WRESTLING**

For definite reasons wrestling practices will not be changed to Tuesday and Thursday as was announced last week. In which case, until further notice, practices will be held as before on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m. in the High School gym.

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**INTERFACULTY AND INTERCLASS HOCKEY**

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5 p.m., Engineering 3 vs. Medicine 2.
6 p.m., Architecture vs. Law.

**Thur., Dec. 14th**—4 p.m., Commerce vs. Medicine.
5 p.m., Arts and Sc. vs. Engineering.
6 p.m., Law 1 vs. Commerce 1.

**Fri., Dec. 15th**—3 p.m., Arts and Sc. 2 vs. Commerce 4.
5 p.m., Dentistry 3 vs. Engineering 2.

If for any reason teams cannot play as scheduled, please contact Hay Finlay, PL. 4488, as soon as possible. The revised Interfaculty schedule will be published tomorrow.

Players can obtain excellent hockey sticks for twenty-five or fifty cents at the Rink.

Ice is now ready and will be available for practices today upon reservation. Phone PL. 4488.

The Interfaculty and Interclass Leagues will commence Wednesday.

**BASKETBALL**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12**—5.00 p.m., Girls' Gym, Med. I vs. Arts III.
**Tuesday, Dec. 12**—6.00 p.m., Girls' Gym, Com. I vs. Med. V.
**Wednesday, Dec 13**—6.00 p.m., Girls' Gym, Dent. II vs. Arch. IV.
**Thursday, Dec. 14**—5.00 p.m., Girls' Gym, Arts I vs. Com. I.
**Thursday, Dec. 14**—6.00 p.m., Girls' Gym, Eng. I vs. Med. II.
**Friday, Dec. 15**—5.00 p.m. Girls' Gym, Arts II vs. Dent. III.

**GYMNASTICS**

Em. Orlick, the gym coach, will be glad to welcome many more students at the sessions at Montreal High School for Apparatus or Tumbling practice. These classes are suitable for beginners as well as advanced pupils and are excellent for "just keeping in shape." Practices will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at 5 to 6 p.m.

**SKIING**

"Get set" for the Indoor Ski gymnastics class under Geo. Swinton's supervision at the Montreal High School every Tuesday at 5 to 6 p.m. until the snow flies. Bring your old clothes or a gym suit. Showers are available for all.

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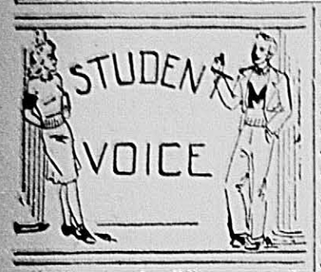


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**Tercentenary Contest.**

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—The Montreal Tercentenary Commission has announced a contest for "The Story of Montreal," and prizes of $1,000.00 and $500.00 are being offered.

There is very little popular reading matter available on the History of Montreal, and the Commission hopes, as a result of this contest, to be able to publish a short readable book which would be interesting and informative to our citizens as well as to tourists and visitors.

It has occurred to me that there might be students at McGill University who would be interested in entering this contest. I would like very much, therefore, to announce this contest to the student body through the medium of your columns. I am enclosing a copy of the Regulations for the contest, and would be most appreciative if you would publish them in the McGill Daily.

I would be very glad to discuss the matter further with any student who may be interested.

Yours very truly,
LEON TREPANIER,
General Manager.

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**Elections.**

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—May I take advantage of the opportunity afforded by your columns to thank those who nominated and supported me in the recent Scarlet Key elections.

Sincerely yours,
M. M. MALEN.

To the Editor of the McGill Daily.

Sir:—Through the columns of your newspaper, may I take the opportunity of sincerely thanking those who have been of assistance to me in connection with the recent elections.

Yours truly,
GEORGE C. McDONALD.

## One Man's Political Philosophy

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and so it was drawn at the borders of Poland, the invasion of which, "the last straw which broke the camel's back," precipitated war.

**Some Questions.**

This is a natural attitude to take when we apply to international affairs the idealistic standard of ethics, appropriate to the individual. In the above metaphor the camel stands in the same position as that state which supposedly obeys the system of ethics obeyed by the individual. That system refuses to permit an individual who wishes to remain in its good graces to stand by and see a wrong committed without making the UTMOST effort to prevent that wrong, and, in the case of a government, this utmost effort is war. Also, that system refuses to sanction an individual to take the stand that "evil is all right up to a certain extent" And so, on this theory, it should take but one straw to break the camel's back. On this theory, it should take but one wrong to goad the government into action. Logically, then, all aggressions save that made upon Poland were right. But, before we can accept this as an unassailable position, the following question must be answered: Were all the pre-Danzig-crisis aggressions right for the aggressors, or right for their victims, or were they right for both aggressors and victims, that is, absolutely right? Now the system of ethics applied to the individual accepts only an absolute right; that is, what is right for one is right for all, and vice versa. Hence the answer, according to that system, must be, "All the pre-Danzig-crisis aggressions were absolutely right, or neither right nor wrong, or absolutely wrong (on the last choice, we drop our initial assumption—that governments obey the standards of the individual, in which case a wrong could not be committed in time of peace unless that wrong were immediately followed by war)." If the pre-Danzig-crisis aggressions were absolutely right, in what respect did the invasion of Poland differ fundamentally from the other invasions? Why was the line drawn at Polish borders? If the pre-Danzig-crisis aggressions were neither right nor wrong, again, in what respect was the invasion of Poland unique? But, if the pre-Danzig-crisis aggressions were absolutely wrong (see parenthetical note above), are we to consider that the government has a moral obligation to make the utmost effort to restore the already conquered, and that it is a national crime not to declare war upon Japan, Italy, and Russia? If we are thus to apply to governments the individual's standard of ethics, and if this standard repudiates force, as it does, we must count it our duty to oppose the whole kaleidoscopic series of aggressions that have ever taken place. And how far back in evolution does this series extend? If we return the New World to the Indians, because their hegemony was upset by aggression, it is not likely that they, in their turn, captured the American continents from other nations? The first aggression of all time was probably made by one germ plasm upon another, and that deed is beyond all correction now.

**A Nation's Might is a Nation's Right**

"Nonsense!" I think I hear you say. "Our government should not wage war with Japan, Italy, and Russia, for the same reason that she should not give Canada back to the Indians." And what is that reason? Some will say that it is impossible, others that it is not expedient, to do so. To the former it may be replied that they are assuming the virtue of an action to be dependent upon the probability of success. To the latter, those who base morality upon expediency, it may be replied that the test of expediency is the probability of success, and the test of national success is material gain. Now it seems to me that the probability of success in international affairs is a function of physical power and strategy. Brain is useless without brawn, and vice versa. This is certainly obvious on the field of battle, where bombs and bullets are the immediate weapons, and where military genius stands in the background as an ever-present threat, ready to make the most of existing force. It is not so obvious, but nevertheless true, around the conference table, where brains are the immediate weapons, while guns are a continual threat in the background, ready to enforce the will of the sovereign state. Hence, in the relations between statesmen in their capacity of representing nations, right is inevitably associated with might and strategy, and the test of this materialistic morality is power. Why do I say "materialistic"? Because physical force has no meaning except in connection with matter.

The theory that governments act in accordance with the individual's standard of morals now seems to me untenable. Whether they SHOULD obey that standard I shall discuss later, but meanwhile, in order to explain existing phenomena, a "double standard" must be set up. It seems not altogether unreasonable to do this, for who ever saw a government primarily motivated by love, pity, sympathy or self-sacrifice? Do not misunderstand me; I do not say that statesmen in their private lives have not their full share of those godly attributes of individual human beings. But when they step into their public lives, all evidence seems to points to a transition in their code of conduct, a transition from the private, idealistic to the public, materialistic morality. Let us examine the situation in this light.

**British Foreign Policy.**

I quote from George Peel's article in the "Americana" (1912 edition) on "Great Britain—England and Europe":

"We will not pronounce whether European supremacy rests at this moment (1912) with Russia, at the head of the Dual Alliance, or with Germany at the head of the Triple Alliance. Probably it inclines toward Germany. However that may be, the struggle for the supremacy lies at present between these two powerful champions. Of the two, Germany appears to claim it with more zest and resolution. . . . We know perfectly well that the day of the amalgamation of Europe under one authority is the day of our destruction. We are not strong enough to maintain ourselves against a whole hostile continent. We fell inevitably before Rome, as soon as Rome had mastered the West. It was only by the most strenuous effort that we saved ourselves from the latest heir of the Caesars—Napoleon. Hence it is that we have opposed the Papacy, and Spain, and Louis XIV, and Napoleon, and the Czar. Hence today our profound anxiety at the progress of German ambition toward Austria and toward Holland. Hence our love of the balance of power in Europe which is a conception rooted in our history, and was as familiar to Henry VIII and Wolseley as it is in our own hour to any of our foreign ministers. Hence our instinctive love of small states, of Holland and Belgium and Portugal, and Switzerland, each of which is a bar against autocracy and a pledge of European freedom. Hence our "perfidiousness," that is, our aptitude ever to abandon the company of a too dominant star. Hence at this moment our love of France whom we disliked ever since the rise of Louis XIV, but whose successive falls in 1815 and 1870 have brought us at last to her side. Hence our profound and fundamental indifference to European politics, so long as no power is visible in the ascendant across the Channel. Hence, too, the predominant part which, in the real crises of European history, England has played. Who but they thwarted the Pope, and the Hapsburgs, and Louis XIV, and Napoleon? Who but they have proved the ultimate obstacle to Czars and Kaisers?"

I see no reason to suppose that the policy of Great Britain has been changed in any degree during the past quarter-century. It is a far-sighted policy of survival, and, as such, an excellent one. It is, of course, necessary that all states have the instinct of self-preservation; but the acid test of the public and private morality of any state is the ability of that state to hold its place in the hierarchy of nations. Law and opinion create morality for its value in upholding or in strengthening the society within the state. Political morality should be directed toward the same end. Moreover, it is plainly discernible in current events that benevolent governments do use effective, material weapons to protect their peoples.

**Germany's Weakness**

The decade immediately following the Great War saw France the most powerful nation on the Continent. The balance of power was redressed by the buying of German bonds. Hence "the feeling of sympathy for the German people," which was undoubtedly felt by a few individuals, but no government has the right to indulge in such sentiment. However, the states interested in setting up Germany to neutralize European forces did not count upon the phenomenal rise of Hitler, a narrow-minded administrator with atavistic tendencies in his statecraft, a will greater than his intellect, and a far greater genius at getting things done than at knowing what should be done. His foreign policy, from his country's point of view, was correct: that is, maximum material gain at minimum cost; his domestic policy, supporting a decadent capitalistic system, and springing from a personal lust for power, is ruinous. His indomitable will allows no German save der Fuehrer to think, and both his cruelty to minorities and his jealous hatred of brains superior to his own will inevitably lose the war for Germany. If, with insensate fear of being supplanted, he were not stabbing in the back his brilliant generals while they protect him in the field, murdering some who helped him to power, exiling others who might have helped him to remain in power, he might become a second Bismarck, and Germany might well look forward to wealth, prosperity, Empire, a new prestige and a new culture. With a domestic policy of "Carriere ouverte au talent," Germany might have had, to gain my point, Thomas Mann collaborating with Sigmund Freud on what would have been excellent propaganda, while Einstein might have pondered the problems of the Western Front! But, in reality, Hitler is wasting the brains, Aryan and otherwise, of his country. His hampering tyranny dooms the shackled Fatherland to defeat. This is the perfect example of the lack of a proper standard of personal ethics in a leader thwarting the materialistic aims of the state.

**State "Mores" and Personal Morals.**

Here is the key to a reconciliation of our apparently contradictory postulates: that the "mores" followed by states and by politicians when they act in the name of states, that is, the "mores" (I like the Latin form, because it suggests natural habit or custom, and has not the idealistic connotation of "morality") obeyed by the government as such, should be materialistic in character; while, on the other hand, the ethics of an individual should be idealistic in character. These standards, it seems to me, are not only compatible but complementary. The one asks the individual to sacrifice himself for his fellows, the other asks the government to accept and make the most of this sacrifice; the one demands generosity, the other economy; the one means "Give," the other means "Take." If it were not for the fact that the state bears the burden of materialism, its philosophy of might would inevitably be shifted to the individual; all personal idealism would vanish; a state of anarchy would ensue, with each man plundering and robbing his neighbour, crime being met with crime, force being met with force. Fortunately, the state saves us from this, and, because of the fact that it thus makes possible mutual love, sympathy and charity, and all such personal morality as exists between its individual members, we, as "moral beings," must support it without question when it is threatened. Note that I do not say that we must support the government, which merely exercises the state-power. We have, thank the Lord, constitutional methods which ensure the removal from office of our temporary rulers when guilty of any breach of personal morality, e. g. any selfish desire on their part to remain in power at the expense of the materialistic aims of the state, and, likewise, when guilty of any breach of "state-morality," e. g. any incompetence in wielding the immense power of our integrated society, any futile, idealistic policy of "sympathy" or "self"-sacrifice, which inevitably undermines national power, the very foundation of the individual's system of ethics.

—JOHN RANDOLPH.

## ...daily sports...

by bill cairns

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in Ottawa last Saturday afternoon. It is not unnatural for things of great import to take place in that famed city. It is true that many of these stories even leave one at a loss for words. But the gist of this story, concerning a simple case of robbery, failed to attract our attention even when told by the most enthusiastic relaters of western fables. The rumours are that "the west" are the Canadian Football Champions for 1939. The facts are that they stole the Gray Cup. Well that is the way we heard it, but we will admit that we weren't listening very carefully. Perhaps the over-abundant enthusiasm of those westerners has some foundation—"real football" is scarce in the west scarcer even than football championships.

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The hue and cry of rule changing is beginning to subside but there are still a few die hards who continue to blowoff. It seems that they never get tired or discouraged. Perhaps they think that stupid persistence is the best policy in order to achieve their ambitions. And sorry to say that most likely they will get their way in the end. Propaganda usually gets results even though it is bad.—The only suggestion for the changing of the rules with anything that might be called merit and common sense is for the use of four downs. This idea is a sound one and should give teams without a good kicker an even break in gaining extra yardage.

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McGill lost another Intercollegiate title last week-end in Kingston. It was a sad blow to the water-polo-ists and the end of a fine unbroken streak. There remains still two major titles to be fought for in the new year, hockey and basketball. Leaving hockey alone—what is happening to the basketballers? They have played two games below the border against American teams and have lost on both occasions. They are not to be condemned for these losses, but there are certain things which come to light in these games. The majority of them, faults. If these can be remedied before the start of the intercollegiate then so much the better. Another item that comes to light is the fact that the team may become self-conscious and develop an inferiority complex. This may sound a bit stupid, but not so if one knows personally some of the members of the team. There are one or two that would give any top flight tempermental film star a close run for their title any day in the week. We have heard that a tempermental nature is common to the best of athletes, but there seems to be grounds for debate on this matter.

## CALLING ALL SKIERS

**By Hickory Blades**

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prominent Redmen skiers. George figures that he has the team to beat in this circuit—we wonder—

This team will be made up of those men who, while unable to claim a berth on the 1st team, have a good rating as far as the racing coach is concerned. This means that pre-season training is pretty essential.

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Now all we need is SNOW!

## REDMEN PLAY INITIAL EXHIBITION

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Grads, has lost none of his former canniness. He has performed a feat unparalleled in hockey history in persuading Coach Farquharson to play as a Grad—against his own team. In Farquharson's absense, the Red Seniors will have to rely on Cam Dickison to direct their bid for victory.

**Stars Return to Fold.**

Many former Red stars will help make up the team. Some have played little hockey in recent years, and are having a hard time trying to whip themselves back into condition, but others are still active in the sport. Among the latter are Andy Anlon, Ronnie Perowne, and Russ McConnell, who are on the grads team. The Grads will also call upon Kenny Farmer, Nels Crutchfield, Jack McGill, Bill O'Brien, Ian Craig, and last but not least, Coach Farquharson.

The exhibition tomorrow night will follow the league tilt between Royals and Quebec Aces. Originally Verdun and Royals Juniors were scheduled to meet in the nightcap of the doubleheader, but this game has been switched to Friday night, when it will follow the exhibition between McGill and McGill Grads.

## JUNIORS BEAT CONCORDIA 10-2

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were Goudreau, Moncaster and Campbell.

The line-ups:

| Concordia | | McGill |
|---|---|---|
| Payette | goal | Ritchie |
| Bloui | l. defense | Ward |
| Cross | r. defense | Morrison |
| Campbell | centre | Farmer |
| Moncaster | l. wing | Holder |
| Fourmier | r. wing | Dunn |
| Kavanaugh | alternates | Helyer |
| Bourgois | alternates | Bradwell |
| Snyder | alternates | Desrosiers |
| Kavanaugh | alternates | Hellyer |
| | alternate | Marshall |
| | alternate | Smith |
| | alternate | Drew |

**SUMMARY:**

**1st Period**

1.—Concordia . Moncaster ... .37
2.—McGill.....Farmer ..... 8.45
3.—McGill.....Bradwell (Smith) ..... 10.37
4.—McGill.....Holder (Smith) ..... 13.10

Penalties: Desrosiers.

**2nd Period.**

5.—McGill.....Farmer (Holder) ..... 3.50
6.—McGill.....Ward ..... 7.44
7.—McGill.....Hellyer ..... 8.48
8.—McGill.....Hellyer ..... 9.24
9.—Concordia. .Snyder (Kavanaugh) ..... 11.54

Penalties: Goudreau, Bloui (minor and major), Drew (minor and ten minutes misconduct), Holder.

**3rd Period.**

10.—McGill.....Holder (Farmer) ..... 1.00
11.—McGill.....Smith (Ward) ..... 5.29
12.—McGill.....Farmer ..... 14.38

Penalties: Cross, Drew, Moncaster, Cross.

Referee—Mullins.
Linesman—McGill.

## COAST TO COAST

**By Casey**

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**ists are not the only locale and collegians to appear on the screen recently. With a famous college campus as a "location" and 300 students acting as "extras," a famed Hollywood movie unit recently moved to Knox College campus in Galesburg, Ill., to begin the shooting of the screen version of the famous novel, "At Old Siwash," Knox actually being the Siwash of George Fitch's famous novel. With a full quota of cameramen, directors, and props and a complete wardrobe of the '04 era, a miniature movie colony was set up on the campus for five days. Students acting as extras were paid the regular fee of $5 a day. Unlike real college life, student extras had to be at work at 6.30 a.m. every day so that they could be dressed and made up for the daily "shooting."**

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**Paternal Warning.**

From the "Sheaf" we offer the following for your edification (?).

Dear Son:

I just read in the paper that students that don't smoke make much higher grades than those who do. This is something to think about.

Father.

Dear Father:

I have thought about it. But truthfuly, I would rather make a B and have the enjoyment of smoking; in fact, I would rather smoke and drink and make a C. Furthermore, I would rather smoke and drink and neck and make a D.

Sonny.

Dear Son:

I'll break your neck if you flunk in anything.

Father.

## DEBATERS MEET TODAY

**Gather in Union to Elect New Secretary**

Owing to the resignation of Gui Caron, former Secretary of the McGill Debating Union Society, members will meet in the Music Room at five p.m. today, to elect a new secretary.

They will also discuss a revision of the constitution and prepare the final draft, which will be submitted to the Council for ratification.

## NOTICES

**Notices must be in by 7 p.m They will not be accepted over the telephone. "For Sale" and "Wanted" items will be considered as advertising and should be submitted to the Advertising Manager.**

**MONTREAL TERCENTENARY COMMISSION**

**CONTEST FOR A HISTORY OF MONTREAL**

**Regulations**

1. The contest shall be for "The Story of Montreal," not for monographs on the subject, or histories similar to those in use in the schools.

2. The first prize shall be $1,000.00 and the second prize $500.00. The winning texts may be written in either French or English. However, it is within the discretion of the jury to reject all manuscripts submitted and to withhold the awards should suitable manuscripts not be submitted. In the event it is impossible to award the first prize, the second prize shall not be awarded either.

3. Manuscripts must be typewritten in double space on one side of paper only. Five copies are required for the use of the judges Text of manuscript should not exceed the equivalent of a 300 page book.

4. The jury, or board of judges, will consist of five qualified persons to be chosen by the Historical Committee and approved by the Montreal Tercentenary Commission.

5. The contest is open to all Canadians, with the exception of the judges.

6. All manuscripts must be mailed not later than midnight February 28, 1941, addressed to the Board of Judges, Historical Contest, Montreal Tercentenary Commission, Montreal. Manuscripts should be identified with a pen name. This pen name, together with the correct name and address of the contestant, should be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Board of Judges, Historical Contest This envelope should then be enclosed in a second envelope and addressed to the Head Office of the Banque Canadienne Nationale Montreal. It is recommended that envelopes be sent by registered mail, or delivered by hand.

7. The winning manuscripts will become the property of the Montreal Tercentenary Commission, but the name of the author will be given on the published work. (Tu.)

**Classical Club**

The Christmas meeting of the Classical Club will be held this Thursday in R.V.C. at 8 p.m. A program of Latin Carols and secular selections has been planned. It is an open meeting. (Th.)

**Historical Clubs**

There will be a joint meeting of the McGill and R.V.C. Historical Clubs in the Royal Victoria College on Thursday, December 14, at 8.15 p.m. Professor Corbett of the Faculty of Law will address the members on: "The History of Neutrality." (Th.)

**Literature Society**

The Literature Society will meet in Room 13 of the Arts Building today, Maurice Dufresne will speak on French Travellers in England. (Tu.)

**Spanish Club**

The Club Hispanico de McGill is having a Christmas party in the Union Grill Room, on Thursday at 8.15. All those interested in Spanish are invited to attend, and each student is asked to bring an inexpensive gift, the more humorous the better, to be put under the tree. Refreshments will be served.

As there is no membership fee, there is a charge of 25 cents a meeting. (Th.)

**Industrial Engineer**

Mr. R. Hodgson, meber of the American Society of Metals, of New Brunswick will give an address in the Engineering Building today, December 12th, at 5.00 p.m. The subject will be: "The Gantt Bonus System." Would-be industrial Engineers are urged to attend. (Tu.)

**St. John's Ambulance**

The regular St. John's Ambulance Course will be held in the Grill Room of the Union at 5.00 p.m. today. (Z)

**Lost**

A small wine Waterman's fountain pen, with clip missing, in Room 45, Arts Building. Finder please return to Ruth Church, or leave with Bill Gentleman.

**Strayed**

Lost, strayed or stolen—a new copy of Tait's Elements of The Mathematical Theory of Interest. The loser would like to pass his exam, an impossibility without the book. Please return to Bill Gentleman. (W)

**Class of '42**

All students of the class of '42 desiring class pins are requested to sign the lists posted in the Arts Building: the men on the notice board in the main hall, and the R.V.C.-ites in the Women's Common Room. The class executives would also like to request that class pictures be signed for at the same time. (F)

## RUSSET MANTLE DRESS REHEARSAL

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by Ambrose Saunders, and his wife, Susanna, played by Bunty Thom, having retired from Wall Street with a fortune, unlike a good many others. Kay Rowley, played by Cynthia Roblins, their niece, and her mother Effie, played by Barbara Johnson are paying them a visit. Kay is one of our young moderns with radical ideas regarding life—much in opposition to her mother, her narrow minded aunt, and her tired and world weary uncle. She livens up the general surroundings by an affair with a cowboy, played by Bill Tyndale.

But then John Galt, a travelling poet for want of something better to do, played by David Ashdown, comes to work on the farm. With his own definite ideas he comes to some sort of truce with Kay which does not last long as after some months on the farm the Kincaids come to the conclusion that John and Kay are no longer to see each other. This is found to be almost impossible so that by the end of the play, the Kincaids and John and Kay all seem to have obtained a new slant on life.

## TRAILS CONSIDERED AS HOSTEL SITES

**Hostellers Explore Laurentian and Eastern Townships Ski Zones**

The Youth Hostels Association has announced that some of Quebec's best ski-trails are to be found, not only in the Laurentians, but also in the Eastern Townships, in the vicinity of Sutton and Abercorn and across the border into Vermont. This region, they said, enjoys the distinction of having the highest mountains as well as a number of excellent downhill trails, both at Mount Pinnacle, at Abercorn, and King Mountain at Rochford.

In view of these facts, a delegation from the Association, including a number of McGill students, is going to explore this region during the Christmas vacation, to see if they can open up hostels for the accommodation of skiers in these parts.

The Association also intends to place at the disposal of its members a number of the hostels situated in the Laurentians. The aim of the Association is to facilitate travel among the younger generation, by providing meals and accommodation at reasonable rates.

To this end, it has introduced into the Province in the last few years several hostels which are open to members during the summer months. In view of the ever increasing popularity of winter sports, it has now been decided to open the hostels throughout the winter.

This scheme has not yet been completed, but there will be at least seven of these hostels at the disposal of the association members both men and women, this winter, in Saint Sauveur des Monts, Saint Adele, Val Morin, Lac Mercier, Saint Agathe des Monts, and Sainte Adolphe de Howard.

## PLAYERS' CLUB

**Box Office**

10-11. B. Tyndale.
11-12. A. Dixon.
12- 1. P. Charlton.
1- 2. I. Munroe.
2- 3. M. Gaunt.
3- 4. B. Hamilton.
4- 5. P. Charlton.

Will all those who have tickets to sell please let me know how the sale of them have gone by leaving a note at the Box Office.

## C.S.A. NOTES

Tomorrow: 1.00 p.m. at Strathcona Hall—Arts Curriculum Commission.

Friday: Scholarship Commission —Place and time to be anounced. (F)

## SANTA CLAUS TO BE AT ARTS INFORMAL

The Arts Xmas Informal will be held next Tuesday, December 19th, in the Union ballroom at 9 p.m. Santa Claus will be present at the party, and there will be an entertainment in the nature of a floor show.

This will be the last dance to be held before the Xmas vacation, and the music will be supplied by Archie Etienne and his orchestra.

Tickets will be $1.25 per couple, including refreshments, and may be obtained from Bill Gentleman, the Union Tuck Shop, and members of the Arts Undergraduate Society.

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